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SUBJECT: TTBT/PNE NEGOTIATIONS: RESTRICTED MEETING OCT 31, 1975

TTBT/PNE DELEGATION MESSAGE NO 90

1. SUMMARY: SAFRONOV SET OUT RATIONALE FOR USSR ARTICLE TO COVER QUESTIONS OF PRINCIPLE APPROPRIATE FOR PROTOCOL. MOROKHOV PROPOSED WAY TO SOLVE VERIFICATION EQUIPMENT ISSUE, REHEARSING THREE-DOCUMENTS APPROACH TO TEXT FORMAT AND URGED US ACCEPT USSR DURATION COMPROMISE OF FIFTEEN YEARS AND NO TTBT/PNE LINK. BUCHHEIM SAID JOINT TEXT DEVELOPMENT HAS REACHED STAGE WHERE REVIEW USEFUL, REHEARSED MAJOR OUTSTANDING TOPICS, AND SUGGESTED NEXT MEETING NOVEMBER 17, WHICH AGREED. END SUMMARY.

2. IN RESTRICTED MEETING OCTOBER 31 (MOROKHOV/TIMERBAEV/SAFRONOV/BEZUMOV/RODIONOV/KOVALEV - BUCHHEIM/MARTIN/HECKROTTE/TUNIK) MOROKHOV ASKED SAFRONOV TO COMMENT ON SOVIET PROPOSED PROTOCOL ARTICLE (TEXT IN MOSCOW 15582). SAFRONOV ESSENTIALLY RE-READ ARTICLE. AS TO PARA 1(B), SAFRONOV, IN BLACKBOARD PRESENTATION, ARGUED THAT LOCAL SEISMIC MEASUREMENTS ONLY NEEDED FOR AGGREGATE GROUP YIELD ABOVE 1 MEGATON. FURTHER, ON THIS PARAGRAPH, SAFRONOV SAID VALUE OF ERRORS ASSOCIATED WITH SLIFER MEASUREMENTS AND WITH TELESEISMIC YIELD DETERMINATION ARE SUCH THAT AN UNANNOUNCED EXPLOSION OF YIELD GREATER

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THAN 150-200 KT COULD NOT BE CARRIED OUT IN ASSOCIATION

WITH GROUP EXPLOSION OF AGGREGATE YIELD LESS THAN 1 MEGATON WITHOUT SIGNIFICANT PROBABILITY OF DETECTION.

3. ONLY NEW POINT IN SAFRONOV PRESENTATION RELATED TO PARA 1(C), ABOUT WHICH HE SAID THAT EARLIER EXPERT EXCHANGE REACHED JOINT CONCLUSION THAT IT POSSIBLE IN PRINCIPLE TO DEVELOP TECHNICAL VERIFICATION MEANS FOR INDIVIDUAL EXPLOSIONS OF GREATER THAN 150 KT YIELD. HOWEVER, AGREEMENT ON QUESTIONS INVOLVED IN AGREEING ON SUCH TECHNICAL VERIFICATION METHODS "WILL TAKE A LONG TIME."

4. BUCHHEIM ASKED WHICH PROVISIONS IN PROTOCOLS USSR WOULD REPLACE WITH THIS ONE ARTICLE. MOROKHOV SAID SOVIET SIDE WOULD SUPPLY ANSWER TO THIS QUESTION.

5. MOROKHOV PROPOSED WAY TO SOLVE ISSUE OF VERIFICATION EQUIPMENT FOR OBSERVERS, AND READ TEXT (SENT SEPTTEL). HE SAID IDEA IS "GOOD COMPROMISE."

6. MOROKHOV MADE ANOTHER PLEA FOR PUTTING TEXT OF PNE AGREEMENT IN THREE DOCUMENTS:

(A) TREATY (TO INCLUDE BASIC OBLIGATIONS AND ALL LEGAL ASPECTS); (B) PROTOCOL ("WHICH SHOULD BE RATHER LACONIC" BUT CONTAIN ALL QUESTIONS OF PRINCIPLE RELATING TO IMPLEMENTATION OF TREATY); AND (C) PROCEDURES DOCUMENT (WHICH COULD BE "SUPPLEMENT OR ANNEX TO THE PROTOCOL OR IN SOME OTHER FORM", AND CONTAIN DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF VERIFICATION FUNCTIONS WHOSE PRINCIPLES WILL BE IN PROTOCOL). FIRST TWO DOCUMENTS WOULD BE SIGNED AT "HIGH LEVEL", WITH PROCEDURES DOCUMENT TO BE SIGNED AT "SECOND LEVEL." LATTER SHOWPF BE DYNAMIC DOCUMENT WHOSE PROVISIONS MAY BE CHANGED IN CARRYING OUT TREATY. SUCH TASK SHOULD BE DONE BY STANDING CONSULTATIVE COMMISSION.

5. FINALLY, MOROKHOV, ON TREATY DURATION ISSUE, SAID THERE ARE DIFFERENCES OF PRINCIPLE BETWEEN US. IT IMPORTANT TO USSR TO HAVE PNE DURATION LONG ENOUGH TO COVER TIME REQUIRED
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FOR PLANNING PNES. USSR PROPOSES FIFTEEN-YEAR DURATION AS COMPROMISE.

6. BUCHHEIM STATEMENT (TEXT SEPTTEL) REVIEWED MAIN TOPICS WHICH NEED RESOLUTION TO COMPLETE JOINT DRAFTING TASK. HE SAID JOINT DRAFT TEXT HAS REACHED ADVANCED STATE WHERE REVIEW SEEMS APPROPRIATE, AND SUGGESTED NEXT MEETING BE SCHEDULED NOVEMBER 17. THIS AGREED.

COMMENT: IN BRIEF DISCUSSION WITH MOROKHOV AND TIMERBAEV
PRIOR TO MEETING BUCHHEIM INDICATED SUGGESTION HE WOULD
MAKE IN HIS STATEMENT ABOUT SCHEDULING NEXT MEETING.
IT CLEAR THAT NEITHER MOROKHOV NOR TIMERBAEV HAD ANY
OBJECTION TO THIS PROPOSAL; INDEED, THEY SEEMED DELIGHTED
WITH IT. END COMMENT.
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